



Joint Master's Programme in International Humanitarian Action



The Joint Master's Programme in International Humanitarian Action is an inter-university multidisciplinary postgraduate programme that provides high quality academic education and professional competencies for personnel working or intending to work in the area of humanitarian action

Comprehensive programme

The first dedicated Master's programme in the area of humanitarian studies — established in 1993 with the support of the European Commission — combines theoretical and analytical knowledge and skills with a hands-on approach.

Quality education

Interdisciplinary, multicultural and multilingual teaching and training by 150+ faculty members, a combination of in-house experts and field-experienced guest lecturers.

Global professionals

Over 3,500 graduates work in humanitarian relief and international co-operation for (inter)national organisations and institutions both in the field and at HQs around the world.

DEGREE PROFILE

Graduates have the capacity to act at all levels of humanitarian relief operations and to function in a variety of ways to enhance professional delivery of assistance and sustainable actions.

GLOBAL VISION

Comprehensive vision of the humanitarian world, its actors and complexities

PERSONAL INTEGRITY

Capacity for self-management and to inspire and provide strategic leadership

STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT

Capacity to manage high impact organisations and complex humanitarian responses



DELIVERING UNIVERSITIES

+ Numerous global academic partners and partnerships with humanitarian agencies and organisations

Aix-Marseille Université FRANCE
L-Università ta' Malta MALTA
Rijksuniversiteit Groningen NETHERLANDS
Ruhr-Universität Bochum GERMANY
Universidad de Deusto SPAIN
University College Dublin IRELAND
Uniwersytet Warszawski POLAND
Uppsala universitet SWEDEN

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

DURATION	4 semesters (120 ECTS)
DEGREE	NOHA Joint Master's Degree in International Humanitarian Action
LANGUAGES	English, French (Aix-Marseille Université), Spanish (Universidad de Deusto)
FEES	€ 12,000
ADMISSIONS	First round opening January–April each year Apply online at nohanet.org/masters

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The 2-year programme is divided into four semesters and structured around five main components:

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1 Intensive Programme SEMESTER 1 • 5 ECTS

An initial inter-university joint course that brings together all NOHA students, introduces them to key principles and concepts underlying humanitarian action and main actors in the field of humanitarian relief, their policies and strategies. Location: Warsaw, Poland

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2 Humanitarian disciplines SEMESTER 1 • 25 ECTS

Common courses (NOHA modules) which provide a space to debate the essentials of humanitarian action and its current trends: World Politics, Legal Dimensions of HA, Management, Public Health, Anthropology and Intercultural Aspects. Location: Home university

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3 Thematic specialisation SEMESTER 2 • 30 ECTS

Allows students to get deeper knowledge and competences in specific aspects of humanitarian action (e.g. protection, international humanitarian law, forced migration), and is supplemented by a set of common courses (Advanced Management, Methodology & Research Methods in Humanitarian Studies). Location: Host university

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4 Individual specialisation SEMESTER 3 • 30 ECTS

Research track

Elective courses in regional humanitarian studies at a partner university in or outside of Europe.

Professional track

Advanced career development training and placement at a humanitarian organisation.

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5 Master Project & Thesis SEMESTER 4 • 30 ECTS

Aims to prepare students to select and analyse research material, confront new problems in their multifaceted dimensions, understand reality and elaborate innovative solutions.



“ It’s very cliché, I know, but NOHA provided the ideal combination of academic study and practical experience — as well as the opportunity to work and learn alongside people from all walks of life.

John Lakeman (alumnus 2007)
Monitoring and Evaluation Manager,
CARE International, UK

“ All over the world I meet NOHAs and they go out of their way to help each other — professionally and personally. They share the same values and interests, even if they end up in another sector.

Gemma Bennink (alumna 2002)
Education Sector Coordinator,
UNICEF Lebanon

“ NOHA is a journey through cultures and societies that pushes your personal and academic limits, giving you a better understanding of humanitarian realities.

Alisa Ananbeh (alumna 2015)
Consortium Management Information
Senior Officer, Danish Refugee Council

“ I have learned to work within a group of diverse people, establishing a common understanding despite differences with respect to culture, knowledge, age, language and intentions.

Joanna Simonow (alumna 2013)
Research Assistant, ETH Zurich

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